NGOs that their rightful claims for release of funds are being unduly delayed for no ostensible reasons by the officials of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(c) the number of pending claims for the last three years and the reasons for the non-settlement; and

(d) whether it is proposed to improve upon the existing procedural infrastructure in this regard so as to minimize delay in settlement of such claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During last three years, 324 claims were pending in the Ministry due to adverse reports/complaints/non-receipt of recommendations from the concerned State Governments.

(d) The Ministry has set up an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Satyam, a retired IAS officer to look into the procedural formalities of grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations in order to further streamline the whole process.

Financial assistance to NGOs

†2126. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial assistance to a number of NGOs has not been provided properly by Government during the years 1999 to 2003;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that several cases were recommended to the CBI by the CVC; and

(c) if so, the dates thereof and the outcome thereof, so far?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Reservation for OBC In **Tripura**

2127. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Other Backward Classes people of Tripura are unable to enjoy reservation in the State Services, as the 50 per cent higher limit of reservation has already been attained by the other sections of people;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to amend the law to enable the Other Backward Classes people of the State to cross 50 per cent limit of reservation; and

(c) how Government would do justice for the Other Backward Classes people of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The Government of Tripura has provided 47% reservation, out of which 16% is for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 31% for Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Civil Posts and Services under the State Government.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) The percentage of reservation in the State Services is to be decided by State Governments.

NGOs benefited by Government social welfare programmes

2128. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs benefited by the Government social welfare programmes alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether any post sanction mechanism has been evolved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and